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**PATENT**  
**Our Docket No. 1232-4391**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s) : Akihiro KOHNO

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Technology Center 2600

Filed : November 20, 1997

Examiner : M. Opsasnick

For : COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, INFORMATION PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. §1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for filing an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on July 30, 2001 (December 30, 2001 being a Sunday).

1. The communication in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested  
 is filed herewith.  
 has been filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
2.  Applicant(s) is/are entitled to Small Entity Status.  Small Entity Statement is attached.  
 Statement has already been filed.

3.	Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee for Other <u>than Small Entity</u>	Fee for <u>Small Entity</u>
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$400.00	\$200.00
c.	<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$920.00	\$460.00
d.	<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00

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e. [ ] five months \$1,960.00 \$980.00

f. [ ] An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured for filing the above-identified communication and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. The fee for this extension (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), minus the fee previously paid (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) equals \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total fee due).

4. [ ] A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the extension fee is attached.

5. [ X] Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4503. Order No. 1232-4391. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

6. [X] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503. Order No. 1232-4391. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 31, 2001

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